

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2026, 4 pm

**Attendance**

A Regular Meeting of San Juan Water Conservancy District was held Monday, February 12, 2025, at 4 pm in person at 4760 West Highway160 Suite A2 and on Zoom.

The following Directors were present in person: Candace Jones, Joe Tedder, Chuck Riehm, Randy Cooper, Rob Hagberg, Bill Nobles, John Kappelman, and Susan Nossaman. Also present in person was Sally High (SJWCD Executive Assistant).

Attending on Zoom were Director Rod Proffitt, Jeff Kane (SJWCD Attorney), and Randi Pierce (2 lines, Pagosa Sun).

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) was called to order by Director Jones at 4:00 pm. A quorum was present.

**Revisions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

No revisions to the agenda were necessary. Director Nossaman moved to approve the agenda. Director Hagberg seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interests were identified.

**Opportunity for Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)**

No public comment was offered.

**Consideration of Executive Session**

San Juan Water Conservancy District went into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to receive advice from their attorney and discuss *matters concerning the transfer or sale of real, personal or other property interest pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, discussion of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., all regarding the potential sale of the Running Iron Ranch on the initiative of the Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District and related litigation (Case No. 24CV30069 filed in*

*Archuleta County District Court), settlement negotiations, mediation, and public statements.*

Director Jones read the legal language that stated reasons for Directors to enter Executive Session. Director Hagberg moved to enter Executive Session for the specific purposes of receiving legal advice and discussion. Director Cooper seconded. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval. The Pagosa Sun on Zoom was placed in the Zoom waiting room. Executive Session commenced shortly after 4:00 pm.

At 5:13 pm, Director Cooper moved to end Executive Session. Director Kappelman seconded. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval. Randi Pierce was readmitted to the Regular Meeting. Other guests on Zoom had left the meeting.

### **Consideration of Actions Discussed in Executive Session**

No actions resulted from issues discussed with legal counsel in Executive Session. Director Jones read the following statement.

*“This board is committed to efforts to end the frivolous and costly litigation that PAWSD started more than a year ago. It has cost these boards, and therefore, the taxpayers and ratepayers, a lot. We have long seen the need for a demand and water supply analysis of a sufficient time horizon by qualified professionals as providing a path to common ground. I see it as being an essential component to settlement. The entire community benefits from planning based on the best available forecasts. PAWSD should embrace the opportunity to demonstrate how it is prepared to serve ratepayers and the limits of what PAWSD can be counted on to provide.*

*This is not the only essential element of a compromise, but it is significant not only to end this costly litigation, but to serve the interests of the community looking ahead.”*

### **Consideration of Treasurer’s Report**

Director Tedder sent the board a Year to Date Budget Versus Actual spread sheet through February 12, 2026. He included an AIR form with revenue through January 21 and expenses through February 12. Director Hagberg moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Director Nossaman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Consideration of RJH Engineering Proposal**

Directors Cooper and Riehm described the completion and submission of the RJH Feasibility Study to the Bureau of Reclamation. The Feasibility Study was submitted on February 11. Its approval will allow SJWCD to apply for funding through the Bureau of Reclamation, which considers a potential eleven-thousand-acre-foot reservoir to be a small storage project. A grant to continue the RIR Headwaters Project is due in April. The final Feasibility Study is posted on the sjwcd.org website.

## **Updates on “Community Building by Restoring a Watershed: Lo-tech project-based restoration in Pagosa Springs”**

Directors heard from Monica Nigon regarding the completion of her Watershed Restoration project, “Community Building by Restoring a Watershed: Lo-tech project-based restoration in Pagosa Springs.” Directors voiced approval and gratitude for the Monica’s work on behalf of SJWCD. The completed story map will be available on the SJWCD website. Monica stated that she intends to talk with Josh Peck of the Forest Service about promotional signage and additional restoration projects on Forest Service land. Discussion included the following suggestions:

- a press release to the Sun
- a press release to the Forest Service asking for inclusion on their website
- a monthly community water project to continue similar water projects
- a photograph with a QR code to link to use as initial signage
- similar projects on the Running Iron Ranch to stop siltation into the Park Ditch and restore pasture.

Director Riehm moved to publish Monica’s story map to the SJWCD website. Director Hagberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Updates from Directors**

Director Jones attended the Southwest Basin Roundtable on January 22. She did not see a grant application submitted for Christi Bode’s proposed film on the flood. The Roundtable approved \$100K for Town of Pagosa Springs for flood recovery.

Earth Day is April 26 and SJWCD

SWCD’s annual Water Seminar is March 27 at Sky Ute. Director Tedder plans a group registration.

An Archuleta County public planning meeting is tomorrow night, February 17, at the Archuleta County Administration Building.

## **Discussion of Expiring Board Terms**

Some Board terms expire on March 27. A notice will be published in the Sun and posted on the website. Director Jones does not plan to renew her board position. Director Tedder reminded the board that officers for 2026 need to be elected.

## **Approval of Record of Proceedings from January 12 and February 2**

Director Hagberg moved to approve the Records of Proceedings from January 12 and February 2. Director Cooper seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

A Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 16, at 4 pm. There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

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By /s/ Sally High

Executive Assistant for Board of Directors

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